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ROYAL IRADAS APPOINTING NEW CABINET MINISTERS.

Royal Iradas have been issued appointing the following Ministers:

Omar Nadhmi)
Mustafa Al-Umari) Ministers without portfolios
Mohammed Hassan Kubba)

Abdul Wahab Mirjan, Minister of Communications and Works, as Minister of Finance

Dhia Ja'far, Minister of Economics, as Minister of Communications and Works

Abdul Majid Mahmoud, as Minister of Economics
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Commenting on the government reshuffle, Liwa Al-Istiqlal says that Nuri As-Said was seeking a coalition government but has failed because he could not conciliate between his policy and the requirements for a coalition government. That is why he has resorted to this partial reshuffle. Even in this partial reshuffle Premier Nuri As-Said has failed to fill the vacancies of two important portfolios, i.e. the Ministries of Interior and of Foreign Affairs.

The paper concludes that there is one alternative either to persist along the old line or to set up a regime based on the will of the people. (12/26)

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According to Al-Alam Al-Arabi, this is not a properly speaking government reshuffle but a kind of "patching". (12/26)

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Commenting on what it calls the "patching of the Cabinet".
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tion under the editorship of Khalid Ad-Durra, believes that

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Premier Nuri As-Said has failed in his reshuffle. Among the reasons given by the paper are that he has entrusted responsible portfolios to young elements and that he has three ministers without portfolios while the ones of Interior and of Foreign Affairs remain vacant. (12/26)

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Sunday's and Monday's papers carry telegrams of condolences from all over Iraq and from various Kings, Presidents and Rulers all over the world, to the Royal Family.

The Iranian Ambassador in Iraq has placed a wreath on the grave of Her Majesty and so has the Egyptian Minister in Baghdad, on behalf of Princess Fawzia of Egypt. In addition, to this, delegates from all over the country are coming to Baghdad to offer their condolences to the Royal Family and to hold "Fatihas" for the repose of her soul.

The Indian Legation in Baghdad has postponed celebration of the "Indian Republic Day" slated for December 26, 1950, until further notice, on the occasion of the death of the Queen. (Al-Akhbar, December 26, 1950)

Christian and Jewish communities are holding a three-day "Fatiha", and have laid wreaths on her Majesty's grave.

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CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

The Chamber of Deputies will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, December 27, 1950, to debate the agenda previously announced. (Al-Akhbar, December 26, 1950)

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AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN IRAQ AND POINT IV AID.

New York.- Prior to his departure from the United States for Iraq, the American Ambassador to Iraq, H.E. Edward S. Crocker who spent about two months on leave in America, stated that an American engineer will shortly be assigned to the Iraqi Government to act as an adviser in connection with the industrial development to be carried out in Iraq under President Truman's Point IV aid to underdeveloped countries. Iraq, he said, has requested that the American engineer be a member on the Iraqi Board in charge of this Industrial development. (Ash-Shaab, December 25, 1950)

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According to Al-Ahram correspondent in Baghdad, H.E. Yusuf As-Said will lead the Iraqi Delegation to the Arab League Political Committee meeting. (Al-Akhar, December 26, 1959)

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KING ABDULLA AND HIS SUITE LEAVE FOR AMMAN. 994

According to a Royal Bilat announcement, H.M. King Abdulla and his entourage were seen off at the airport yesterday by H.R.H. the Regent and members of the Cabinet.

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3/4 MILLION DINAR LOAN FOR THE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SERVICE.

The Board of the DG of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment recently held a meeting to discuss the preliminary agreement between the DG and the International Bank Mission while in Baghdad recently, for a 3/4 million dinar loan for the purchase of agricultural machinery and for elevating agricultural standard in Iraq. It is learnt that the said Bank will not offer such a loan unless the Iraqi government approves of, and guarantees the said loan.

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THE KOREAN WAR.

Commenting on the Korean war and the wholesale massacres carried out by the Southern Koreans in revenge for their collaboration with the Communists, and which has amounted to 877 people in one month, states that the world facing these facts has to admit that the army which intervened to free the nation, has for its real purpose the destruction of its natural resources. While we condemn these revengful and barbarous acts in modern warfare, we do not ask mercy from the Americans and British and others who are fighting with imperialistic aims but, we would urge the easterners not to involve their countries into the war. The nation that asks for freedom does not naturally wish its country to be destroyed as is the case with Korea. Any war would only involve our country into the same catastrophe as that of the Koreans. Those who are preparing our country for war are committing a crime for they are involving it into destruction. (12/26)

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In a statement to Az-Zaman, the new Minister of Economics Abdul Majid Mahmud said:

"We the nationalists believe in certain progressive principles whether in internal development or with our relations with the Arab States and the necessity for the rescue of Palestine. We call for these principles and endeavor to realize them whether in power or not."

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